

REQUESTS: re: U.S. of T. Soldiers

1918-1919 (012)

November 25th, 1918

General Newburn,
Minister of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear General Newburn:

Would it be possible for you to have
Captain Walter H. Wright, C.A.M.C., now stationed at the
Westcliffe Military Hospital, Folkestone, recalled for duty
at the University ?

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Robert Falconer
University of Toronto

Toronto Nov 26/18 88

Dear Sirs

Referring to item
in daily paper in which University has
decided to render every assistance to
students who enlisted to resume their
courses, my son Sapper P. C. Allan

N^o 503943

1st Canadian Divisional Signal Corps

B. E. F. France
is in his third year there, he enlisted when just
nicely started in Arts course first year and
like others we did not expect this war would last
so long to so break into his education. If you
can assist us and give writer any information
as to what can be done to hurry his return to resume
his studies it will be appreciated very much
by an anxious father & mother. Hoping for an
encouraging reply and thanking you, I am

Yours truly
P. C. Allan
233 Wright Ave

November 27th, 1918

C. Allan, Esq.,
238 Wright Avenue,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Allan:

Your son evidently is overseas and so far nothing has been done in the way of asking for the demobilisation of students from overseas. It is only those who have been in Canada whose cases have so far been considered. I should judge that until peace is declared it will not be possible to demobilise any who are overseas. Whether we can do anything in the way of getting men home earlier who wish to continue their courses I do not know, but it is a matter we are now considering. In any case we should hope that they would all be back to enter upon their work next autumn.

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.

19 Corps H.A. H.Q. 79
BEF France
Dec 16th 1915

The President

Toronto University
Toronto

Dear Sir

Herewith I request your assistance in obtaining my immediate release from military service.

I was one of the party of thirty one students sent from the U. of T., O.T.C. to join the British Army on Jan 1st 1916. The Faculty of Applied Science, judging me on my past record, conferred on me the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science, in spite of the fact that I had not completed my last year. That uncompleted portion of my course is, as you know, the most important part of the whole. Thus it is very necessary to me that I should get that last half year, and brush up as much as possible in all the work previously taken.

If I could be demobilized in January, getting home in time to start work on February first at S.P.S., I could, very likely, do all

the work required before the spring examinations, and thus be able to start life next summer with everything cleared up behind me. Failing this I shall have to take a temporary job during the summer and spend the whole of next winter at college, thus losing one whole year of my life unnecessarily in addition to the three already lost. I am now 31 years old so that every moment is of great importance to me.

The favour I would ask of you and the Council of the University is that the cases of myself and of other Canadians, especially those from our own University, in similar positions, serving in the British Army, be placed before the Canadian Government, so that we shall not be forgotten when the students of the British Universities are being demobilized. A word from the Canadian Government to the British Government would no doubt do much to assist in procuring our release. My applications made through Army channels have produced no results.

Thanking you in advance

I am

yours respectfully

E. Blake Allan

Address

E. Blake Allan
Capt. R.F.A.

R.O. XIX Corps H.A.

B.E.F. France

January 7th, 1919

Captain E. Blate Allen,

R. C. A.

113 Corps A.A.,

A.S.F., France.

Dear Captain Allen:

I have just written to Sir Edward Kemp asking him to approach the Imperial Authorities in order to facilitate the return of men like yourself. I do not see how we can act except through him, and yet I am very doubtful whether it would be possible for you to get back now in time to do such work this winter. Hitherto we have not been able to get any effective results in regard to the return of students by special privilege.

Wishing you a happy New Year and a speedy return home,

I am, yours sincerely,

President.

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HAMILTON, ONT., January 15/19

Sir Robert A. Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I had the pleasure of listening to your very instructive talk to the members of our Canadian Club here a few weeks ago on the subject of the Khaki University, and as I received a letter from my Son yesterday relative to his University course, I am taking the liberty of dropping you a line, hoping that you can help me to advise him as to the proper course of action.

He is a lad going on for twenty one years of age and enlisted a couple of years ago, after having taken his junior Matriculation examination. He is attached to the Royal Air Service and is a member of the 110th Squadron at present situated in Northern France, but of course, is not engaged in any active service now.

He wishes to return as speedily as possible to take up a medical course in the University, and if it is not too late to get into this year's class, I would like him on his return to enter it, or if it is too late to get into the Khaki School or back to the collegiate at Hamilton to brush up in his work preparatory to entering the University

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HAMILTON, ONT.,

in the fall.

If it is not too much trouble, will you kindly drop me a line as to the best course to take, as I have no doubt that you have taken an interest in getting other lads back to their schools again.

Yours respectfully,

W. J. Aitchison

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January 16th, 1919

W. J. Aitchison, Esq.,
88 Main Street West,
Hamilton.

Dear Mr. Aitchison:

It would be too late for your son to return now and get any value out of the present year in Medicine. I infer from your letter that he has taken the full Junior Matriculation examination. If that is so, he could enter Medicine directly next September.

It is practically impossible for us to get students back to resume their courses. We have difficulty even in getting members of the staff, and when I was in Ottawa on Monday I saw the Military Authorities about the matter. The Universities of the Dominion, however, have urged upon the Government the necessity of having all those who wish to enter upon university studies brought home so as to be here in August at latest. I think that possibly, seeing that your son is attached to the R.A.F., if he made application to the Imperial Authorities saying that his purpose is to enter Medicine they might be willing to act upon his request, because there is a standing order in our Army at least and I think also in the Imperial Forces that all regular medical students should be returned. They might also act in the case of intending medical

students. I should advise him therefore on the basis that he wishes to enter medicine to see if he can get back. It is possible if he returned early in the spring we might be able to do a little for him for two or three months in the way of brushing up. Meantime, however, I would strongly urge him to undertake in France any work that he can get time for either in the Educational Services of the English Army or on his own. These Educational Services are what are popularly called the "Khaki University".

I would therefore emphasise as the most important point that he should make application so as to be home for next autumn's work, and that meantime until this comes through that he should use all his spare moments in classes overseas.

I am sorry that I cannot be of much service to you.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 4th, 1919

Mrs. James Alexander,

R. R. 2,

Bellwood, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Mr. C. C. Grant, the Secretary of the Students' Administrative Council, has sent me your letter asking whether I can give you any information as to the return of the First Canadian Tank Battalion. I have made inquiries and am sorry to say that I am not able to give you any information. Nor is it in my power to secure the return of members of the Battalion. I have on several occasions written requesting the return of individual soldiers but have been told by the Military Authorities that they will not depart from their ordinary practice of bringing home the units at the time they regard as fitting in with their general plans. However, it is just possible that if you were to write to Major Navor, the Officer Commanding the unit and ask that your son be returned on compassionate grounds, the reason being that his father is nearly blind, he might be able to secure a release for your son. I quite understand your anxiety and your strong desire to have him back, but I am unable unfortunately to make any other suggestion than the above.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 2nd, 1919

The Adjutant General of the Army,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I wish to make application to you at this comparatively early date for the return before the end of the summer of Mr. Angelo Lipari, who is now Sergeant in the Corps of Interpreters, formerly with the 3rd Division, Headquarters Det. A.A.S. France, now on duty in the Office of the Military Attache, American Embassy, Rome, Italy. His Serial number is 745731.

Mr. Lipari has been on the staff of the University of Toronto. His draft to the American Army occasioned the University a great deal of inconvenience, which of course as a war measure had to be accepted. Now I, however, am in a favour that Mr. Lipari be allowed to return from Italy in time to resume his duties which begin next September. If he could come earlier than September it would be an advantage to the University, and the prior from Washington, should you grant it, should be given in time not later than the end of June if he is to be in such a position as to arrive here in time for resuming his work this fall.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 29th, 1919

J. E. Armstrong, Esq. J.P.

House of Commons,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

We are about to begin a three months' course for returned soldiers who have not completed their matriculation in order to prepare them for entrance to the University as soon as possible. Only those are accepted who after a month's trial may be expected by their instructors to be ready to enter the regular classes of the University not later than a year from next October. If therefore you will let me know more about Mr. Frederick Sullivan I will be able to tell you what we could do for him. He should send word more directly as to the length of his school training and what profession he wishes to enter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 8th, 1919

Dr. Wilberforce Aikens,
College of Physicians and Surgeons,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Aikens:

Dr. Frederick I understand wrote to you regarding the case of Robert C. Montgomery, a returned man who is undergoing treatment, and who is anxious to know what action, if any, the College of Physicians and Surgeons will take in regard to his work. The University will give him privileges, but it is only natural that we should wish to know what he can count upon when he comes up for license. If you will let us know at your early convenience it will be a favour.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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The College of Physicians and Surgeons

OF ONTARIO.

TELEPHONE COL. 4247.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION OFFICE,
170 UNIVERSITY AVENUE.

H. Wilberforce Atkins, B.A., M.D.
REGISTRAR-TREASURER.

Toronto, May 9th. 19 19

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir,

Upon consulting our files I do not find any communication from Mr. Brebner with relation to Robert C. Montgomery.

I have also searched for a communication from Mr. Montgomery himself without being able to find any.

Some time since some one, whose name I cannot now remember, wrote to the College asking whether, in the absence of any Matriculation standing of any kind, the College would feel disposed to register him. Having in mind our obligations to the British Medical Council, in the matter of our undertakings with relation to Admission Requirements, I did not feel justified, in intimating to him that I could ask our Executive Committee to accord him such unusual privilege.

Whether the man in question was the gentleman of whom you speak I do not know.

The College is automatically accepting the "eight paper" men and granting them Matriculation standing.

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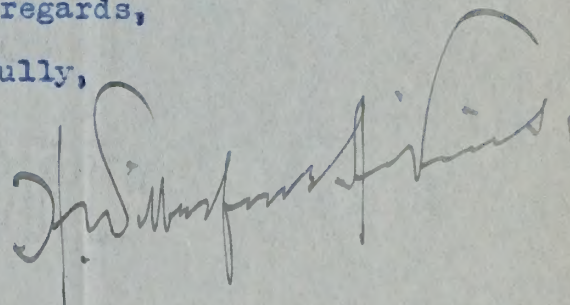
Sir. R.F.-2-

It is also considering all extraordinary request, coming
from Returned Soldiers, in a spirit wholly sympathetic in its character.

Believe me,

With kind regards,

Faithfully,



Registrar

May 10th, 1919

Dr. F. Hildebrandt Atkins,

College of Physicians and Surgeons,

110 University Avenue, Toronto.

Dear Dr. Atkins:

Thank you for your letter. I am anxious
Mr. Debusse to go into the case more fully and you will probably
have from him. I am also obliged to you for the clear outline
you have given of the proceedings of the College of Physicians
and Surgeons with regard to returned men.

Yours sincerely,

President.

August 16th, 1918

Mrs. J. H. Basketts,

Mt. Elgin, Ont.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 13th inst. about your son.

Sir Robert Falconer is in England and will not return until October.

The last order received from the Militia Department in July did not apply to Veterinary students, but simply to medical and dental students. I am sending your letter to the Principal of the Veterinary College, who will be in a position to answer your letter, as he has charge of the students in his college. Exemption of this kind is arranged by the College and not from this office.

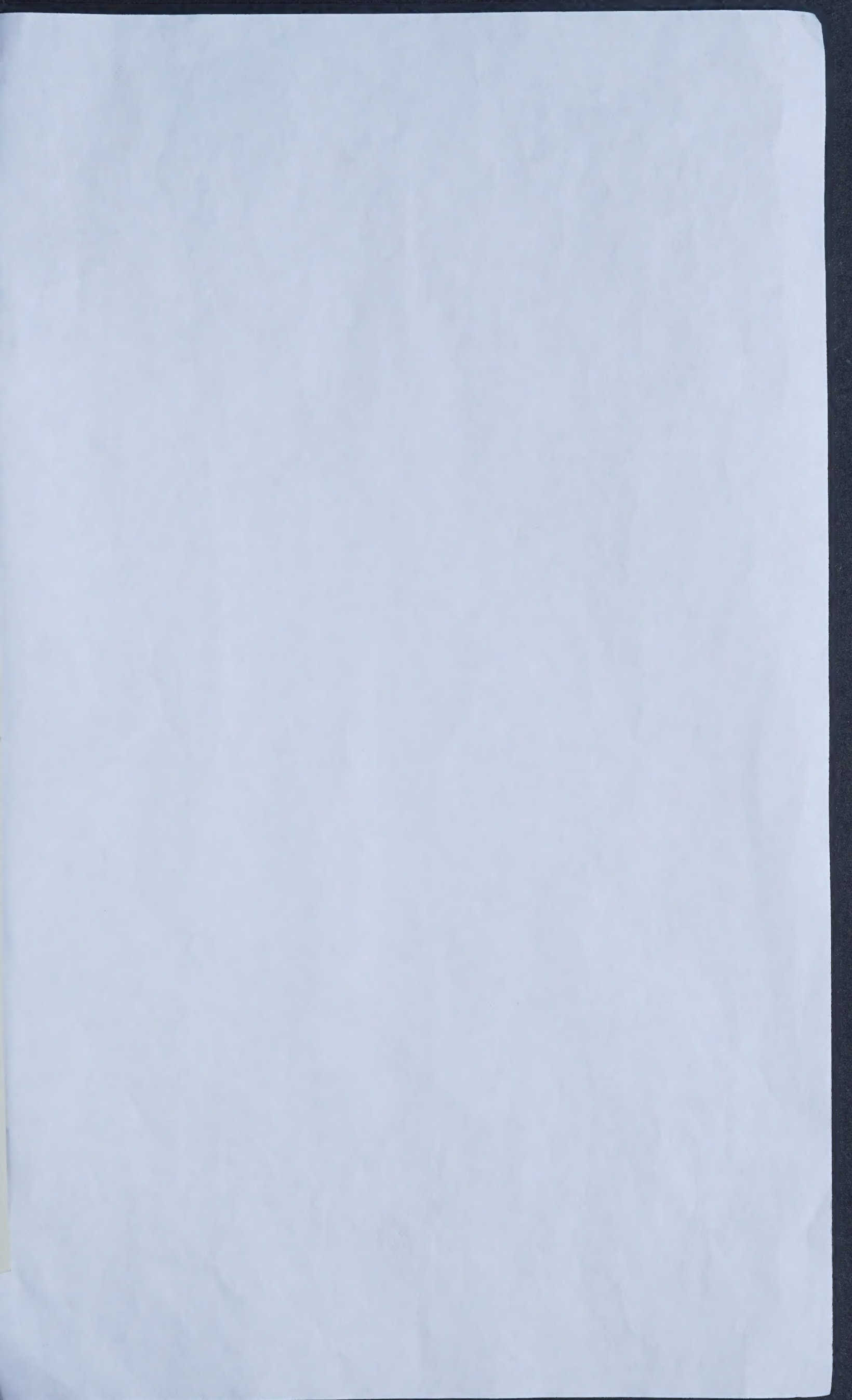
Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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Sept 11- '18
Columbus Ohio

University of Toronto.

Have you any record
of an alumnus of 1916
Captain William E. Jones
Canadian Army Medical
Corps. who enlisted in
1916 and left for England
January 1917. We have
not heard any thing
from him for 16 months
and are very anxious



to know if he is still
alive. If you can
not furnish this in-
formation could you
tell me where I could
obtain it

Sincerely
Jessie E. Barr
271 E North wood Ave
Columbus Ohio.

25 New St. Moed N. Wales

Risboro Banacks

Feb 1918

September 13th, 1918

Miss Jessie E. Parr,
271 E. Northwood Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Miss Parr:

We have on our list of graduates on active service, Captain William E. Jones, C.A.W.C. and his last address was Ristone Barracks, England, in February 1918. His father's address is 25 New Street, Wola, A. Wales.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

appreciate this information, and
thought likely his name would be
on your honor roll. Hoping this
will not greatly inconvenience you,
and that I may receive an early
reply.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Miriam Jane Bartlett
15 Greenwood Avenue.

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Battle Creek, Michigan.
Nov. 7, 1918.

President of Toronto University.
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

17 Barnesdale Ave. South
Hamilton, Ont.

I should like to ascertain the
over seas address of Lieut. W.R.
Binch, who is enlisted in the Royal
Flying Corps. I would certainly

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November 11th, 1918

Miss Miriam Jane Bartlett,
15 Greenwood Avenue,
Battle Creek, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

We have no address overseas for Lieutenant J. P. Finch,
but, his home address is 17 Parnesdale Avenue South, Hamilton S.O., U.S.A.
and I am sure anything addressed there would find him, and be forwarded.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

